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Her Christmas Angel--Or His

A CHRISTMAS STORY
By Sally Chamberlin

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"Whom do you think I saw today, Susan Strong?" said Ned, with his winning smile, as he walked into the room of his invalid sister at the end of his day's work.

"Eleanor Carrington," replied Susan promptly.

Surprise overspread his beaming countenance.

"That's exactly who it was, but how in time did you guess?"

"A sort of second sight we invalids have, dear boy," answered his sister.

"The moment you appeared around that curtain a sensation swept over me which I always used to have when I saw her standing across the aisle in church with her unapproachable bearing and her calm, Madonna-like face. I fairly worshipped her, Ned. Where did you see her?"

"At the Grand Central depot. She was helping a crippled boy out of a cab when his crutch fell under the wheels. Maybe I wasn't Mr. Johnny-on-the-spot! My, but she is a queen!"

More than this he never said of any girl, for it was Susan's greatest cross that her stalwart brother, the apple of her eye, had been obliged to give up his young life, social and athletic, to bear the financial burden of her illness.

Ned Strong had held the record for hammer throwing at his university and had been candidate for the next year's football team when he had been forced to put it all behind him and turn his attention to sterner realities, including exorbitant bills presented by the specialists employed to relieve his sister.

For two years she had suffered with an affection of the knee which even the most eminent surgeons had been unable to cure. For some weeks now she had been fastened in a brace which gave comparative relief and permitted her to sit up in bed, and with the cessation from suffering came renewed eagerness to hear of the beautiful outside world.

"Eleanor doesn't seem to be going in very strong for society," Ned continued, perching himself on the edge of Susan's couch. "When I was lunching with Billy Sanford yesterday he said she had spent almost the entire summer going to and from New York with children whom she was having treated at the hospital for cripples on Forty-second street."

"Why, Ned, that's the hospital where Dr. Gibbs is head surgeon. He was telling me about those patient little children only yesterday when he was waiting on my knee."

"Sure enough. I telephoned him this morning and he says he has a new contraption which he will try in a week or so that will simply discomfit the brace you have on now."

"I shall ask him if he knows Eleanor."

"Don't you worry. He isn't the kind of man who would let such a beauty pass unnoticed—and unmentioned—though I understand she's spoken for. Billy says Senator Elkus is the favored suitor."

"He's too old for her." This in a tone of disappointment.

"That's the way of the world, Sue. The man that's got the money is the only one who need come round. The rest of us poor devils can stand back and adore silently. Think of the cripples she could have treated on the senator's money!"

He flung back his shoulders as if throwing off an ugly thought, then he bent tenderly over the invalid. "Oh, Sue, it is splendid to see you free from pain once more," and with a rousing kiss, emblem of all his devotion and self sacrifice, he strode away to his solitary dinner.

In one of her wakeful night watches Susan lived back in the year which had preceded her illness. It came to her like a revelation that these days Ned had not exactly stood back and admired in silence. Eleanor Carrington had shared all his college enthusiasm, and though Susan, lively, golden haired little sister of a big strapping brother, had never entirely entered into these interests, in the new light of understanding vouchsafed invalids as a compensation for physical deprivations she saw why Eleanor Carrington had suddenly dropped out of her brother's life.

When Dr. Gibbs called the next morning he was surprised at her animation.

"You want Christmas work to do? Now, see here, you're not worrying about bills and things?"

She shook her head. "I just want to make some one happy for Christmas. Don't you think I could dress some dolls for the hospital children?"

"Just the thing to make you forget the occasional twinges in this knee—that is, if you don't sit up too long at a time. I'll speak to Miss Carrington, who is chairman of our Christmas committee."

And he did not dream why the sudden glad light came into Susan Strong's eyes.

Two days later Eleanor Carrington's carriage stopped before the humble strong cottage. She brought into the sickroom a new and invigorating atmosphere.

"My dear girl, I have never heard of your illness. We have lived almost constantly in the country of late, and I seldom see your brother. Why didn't you let me know? I should have been so glad to come. And now you send for me that you may help me in my work. You make me feel so—so selfish."

Her rich lips dropped from her young cheeks, and she sat, stammering young

women felt to her knees beside the little invalid with her delicate, pathetic face, big, wistful eyes and short, curling hair.

"Oh, you mustn't feel that way," said the girl as she stroked the fur with her wasted hand. "Ned has taken such good care of me, and I—well, I just need something to occupy my mind. Did you bring the dolls?"

"Dolls? Dozens of them!" said Miss Carrington, with a happy catch in her voice. "But you must let me cut out the clothes. It is enough for you to sew."

This was the beginning of happy days for Susan Strong. Hardly an afternoon passed without a call from Eleanor, who wanted to see how the gay ladies from Paris, Berlin, Switzerland, Japan and Russia were coming on. Sometimes she laid aside her wraps and sewed with the invalid. During these hours Susan learned many things, not only of the hospital work, but of Eleanor's life at home and in the social world. And, best of all, she learned that the rumors regarding the beautiful girl's engagement to Senator Elkus were without foundation.

Only once did Susan, whose little girl that she was, refer to Ned.

"If you happen to see Ned, don't tell him about this, will you? I don't want him to know until all the dolls are finished, and then we'll have a dress parade. Maybe when he sees the work has not hurt me, he—he will let me do something to help him—pay the bills."

Eleanor Carrington looked past the invalid, through the window, into the clear winter sunlight as if seeing a faraway picture.

"I do not think there is any danger of my seeing your brother."

But she was wrong. She saw him the very next day, when he came home earlier than usual. She had brought some holly to deck Susan's room, for Christmas was drawing near, and she had brought a beautifully embroidered dressing sack for the invalid also. Susan was tying the bow at the throat of her dainty gift and surveying herself in a small mirror. Eleanor was hanging a holly wreath above the dressing table, when she swung around suddenly, the gay wreath rolling to the floor. In the mirror she had caught sight of Ned Strong's amazed face. He was standing in the doorway.

"Oh, Ned, why did you come too soon?" cried Susan in mock dismay. In reality her heart was singing with very joy.

"Eleanor," said the man without moving from the doorway.

She stooped to pick up the wreath, and when she stood up, once more her color had come back and her composure was perfect.

"We were just fixing a little surprise for you," she said, offering her hand and meeting his glance squarely. "But I don't think you deserve it. You haven't played fair, Ned." His glance wavered from her face to the invalid's couch. Susan was beaming over, tying a refractory bow in a doll's hat. Eleanor went on quietly.

"You might at least have told me why."

"I couldn't." His voice was very low. "I didn't dare ask you to wait." She drew her breath sharply. "And yet you must have known."

A minute later Ned Strong bent over his sister's couch. The refractory bow had come to time. She looked up into his face with shining eyes.

"Susan, dear, you're our Christmas angel."

Stork Legends.

In an old collection of matronly stories entitled "The Gospel of the Distaff," printed at Bruges in 1475, this passage occurs: "When a stork builds her nest over a chimney it is a sign that the proprietor shall have wealth and long life." Ancient beliefs admitted that the stork protected buildings against lightning. It is a holy bird, and in certain German towns the arrival of the storks heralds of spring was announced with joyous blasts by the watchman on the tower. What is certain is that which Michelet says of the swallow may be applied to the stork. "He has taken not only our house, but also our hearts."

Legends go still further. They consider storks as the incarnation of departed souls. In that metamorphosed capacity they have for mission to search the bottom of wells for the souls of newborn infants. In a whole of northern and central Germany they have their baby wells. Hamburg, too, had her "Kindelbrunnen." This native faith has its origin in ancient mythology, which represents the stork, jointly with the peacock, as the favorite bird of Juno, goddess of maternity.—French of Maurice Engellart.

Beetle With Maxin Gun.

One of the instructors of a big university led the way to a small box, smiling with pride as he did so. "I want to show you a rare species of beetle," said he.

The beetle, which was a burnished blue, with a red head and red legs, lay partly hidden under a stone. The instructor advanced his finger slowly. The beetle waited, watchful and impatient.

The finger almost touched the insect, and then, puff, a cloud of blue smoke shot out, and under cover of this smoke the beetle beat a rapid retreat.

"Isn't that marvelous?" the instructor said. "And the little rascal can emit puff after puff—can fire gun after gun—nineteen or twenty to the minute. No wonder he is called the bombardier. Is it?"

"This bombardier beetle is rare. He has in his body certain glands secreted with a liquid which, on contact with the air, has the curious property of turning into a smoky vapor. The vapor is his defense against bigger beetles. Hidden under it, he seeks a new retreat."

The Animals At Christmas

Said Santa Claus, "Tis Christmas eve (The animals looked pleased), And each of you will now receive His yearly Christmas present. But I'd be glad if every guest Would mention what he'd like the best."

The Tapir said: "That pleases me. I'll state succinctly, therefore, If I may be so bold and free— The only thing I care for Would be those matches on the shelf, With which I'd like to light myself."

His wish was granted. Then up spake A timid little Adder: "Sir, but a trifle it will take To make my Christmas gladder: A slate and pencil, if you please, Would let me do my sums with ease."

The Reindeer said: "You may believe I'd be a happy fellow If I were sure I would receive A good sized umberbellow; And also I'd like four golosh. Es and a rubber mackintosh."

The Pig a fountain pen desired; The Cow tin horns requested; His gratitude attested, The Caterpillar said: "I am Proud of my caterpillarasham."

So all of them were gay and glad, And they were happy, very; They liked the presents that they had And waxed exceedingly merry.

Dear humans, at your Christmas feasts, Try take a lesson from the Reader.

—Carolyn Wells in Reader.

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"Curates are supposed always to be poor. It was Christmas time, and I had just parted with my last sixpence at a lonely hamlet where work was scarce. Still I could not leave my stranger in the street, so I asked her to come with me to my lodgings.

"She shambled along through the mud with her streaming clothes and clouted boots, and we entered my little room. My thoughtful landlady had made my table ready. A plate of hot toast was standing in the fender; the kettle sang vociferously, as if impatient to be used; in front of the fire stood my slippers and an easy chair.

"To my surprise my poor, worn, haggard companion raised her dripping hands and burst into tears with the words, 'Oh, what luxury!'

"That was the best Christmas sermon I ever heard, and the only one I have never forgotten."—Youth's Companion.

Christmas Day in Russia.

In certain parts of Russia the children at Christmas eve begin playing pranks that are as old as they are amusing. Chief among their droliceries is that of disguising themselves as animals and in the assumed costume of wild beasts disporting themselves through the neighborhood. As many skins as possible are secured, and in these the leading boys are clad. Wolves, bears, ostriches, even, are represented. All the boys gather in one party, those who are not posing as brutes forming a train for the escort and display of the pseudo menagerie. Some act as keepers, holding their disguised companions in check, while others startle the quiet of the night by rude strains drawn from harsh and primitive musical instruments. Torches are borne, and in the awful light, opposed by black shadows, the scene is at once grotesque and vivid.

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Sonoma, Sonoma County, Cal., December 23, 1905.

H. H. GRANICE, Editor.

CELESTE GRANICE MURPHY, Associate Editor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our readers.

Learn the True Significance of Christmas.

ANOTHER Christmas is upon us as fresh and exhilarating a Christmas as ever was. This is a holiday that never grows old. It is fraught with the same joyous spirit that it was fifty years ago, and though some of us have grown old we are as interested and enthusiastic as ever over the coming of the yuletide festival. Though we have lost some of our sentiment concerning Valentine's Day and some of the boyish glee at All Fool's Day pranks; though the fire-cracker and toy pistol celebration of the Fourth of July has lost for us some of its glamour and perhaps, too, we have grown somewhat pessimistic at the Thanksgiving festival, Christmas—Merry Christmas—has still a warm substantial place in our hearts and we celebrate it with true enjoyment and keen satisfaction. It is everybody's holiday and the Christmas spirit is perhaps the closest approach we have to an ideal one. Gift-giving makes a generous bond between man and his fellows and it is the act of opening the heart rather than the pocket book that appeals. "Good will toward men" is the mandate that we carry out on this holiday. Would that it were ever present, ever before the minds of men for use in every day transactions. It was not meant to be for a day, but Christmas was intended to be a symbolic mile-stone where we could all begin to treat each other right. It is a starting-point, and if you have failed to begin before, this Christmas is the time.

If, perchance, you have misunderstood and thought hitherto that good will and peace toward your fellows was a transitory spirit to cease with the passing of the Christmas holiday, banish the idea and grasp the meaning of the festival that was always really intended.

It is hollow mockery to fill the stocking on Christmas and then refuse to buy an empty pair on New Year's, or to grumble every time thereafter that a little pair has to be bought. The act you did on Christmas will not compensate for a spirit like this. Better put a penny in the stocking Christmas and be kind all the days of the year than to fill it up with dollars and feel that you have done enough or compensated for a year's meanness. It is the every day's of our lives that count and make them worth living, and if the every day's are all right so will be the holidays.

The Christmas holiday is a peculiar blending of religion, romanticism, or poetry and commercialism. Its styles or customs never vary to any great degree and it appeals to people in all walks of life and of varying degrees of intellect because of the various elements that enter into it. It has first of all a religious significance, and so appeals to the Christian world. All else pertaining to Christmas grows out of this and is symbolic of it. The romantic or poetic side of the holiday is expressed in the Santa Claus idea which appeals to the mature as well as the child, and is as popular as ever, despite some criticism of it.

The commercial aspect of Christmas is by no means to be ignored, for it is a great stimulus to trade. People clamor at Christmas time for the wares of the tradespeople, who make every effort to supply the demand and to create novelties. So Christmas makes business, which in this commercial age has much significance. Those who have neither religion, poetry or romance in their souls will encourage the holiday for business reasons. We deplore this latter motive, but for the joy that the majority of us take out of Christmas anything that will assure the permanence of this merry festival may pass with comment instead of criticism.

THE seathing denunciation of Geo. D. Collins by attorney Johnson probably impressed the prisoner more than he had been impressed since his trial began, for Collins has had legal training enough to appreciate every word of it. This was no watery argument calculated to float on the surface, but it must have sank deep down into Collins' hardened soul and stirred him to the reality of his position.

YOUTH will ever win in battle with old age, as was exemplified in the physical contest between Fitzsimmons and O'Brien in San Francisco Wednesday. This is more true of the physical side than of the mental, for men of ripe old age often excel the younger in mind attainments. Fitz probably planned his battle all right but he lacked the physical strength to execute it.

It is well that Prof. Wickson has been informed that Sonoma Valley is eligible for the University Farm. He was evidently misinformed and had intended to pass us by. We are still out for the farm, believing that Sonoma is an ideal location for it and the L. L. Lewis property an elegant site.

A MINING MAN paid \$75 for a pie at a church fair. It may have been a pie for him, but it certainly was a "pudding" for the church.

GIVE us a health officer or a Health Board, Sonoma needs sanitary supervision, and needs it badly.

THE goose may hang high, but the turkey just now is entirely out of reach of most people.

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Significance of Proposed Legislation

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"The proposal to clothe the Interstate Commerce Commission with power to fix a rate whenever it shall find an existing rate to be unjust and unreasonable, at first blush appears not only eminently reasonable, but also perfectly harmless. But investigation into the manner in which the Interstate Commerce Commission exercised that power in the years when it supposed it was vested with that power, shows that the aforesaid proposal is not only dangerous, but revolutionary. The proposal is dangerous because the Commission would use the power in such a way as to precipitate great conflicts between sectional interest and class interests. It is revolutionary because the Commission would use that power for the purpose of curtailing that freedom to trade over and throughout the entire territory of the United States that it was the purpose of our forefathers to establish and guarantee when they established the United States. It is revolutionary because it would make the Interstate Commerce Commission a little deputy congress clothed with power to make and unmake the policy of our nation in matters of the utmost importance, as well as in matters of the utmost conflict of sectional interests and class interests."

Glen Ellen Wedding

Holiday wedding bells will ring out at Glen Ellen for Miss Elzene Brand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brand, and Benj. R. Philpott, son of B. F. Philpott of Windsor. Mr. Philpott is an employee of the California Northwestern Railway. The young lady is a graduate of the Santa Rosa High School and a very charming girl.

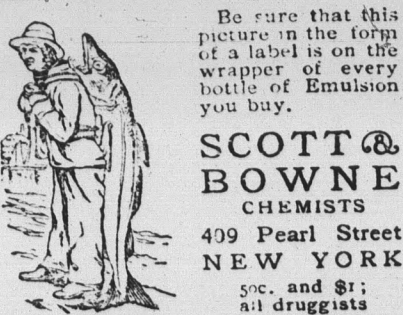
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I must request that those indebted to the former firm call and see me in regard to the same.

In making the transfer it is necessary for me to pay many outstanding bills, and I must therefore raise money quickly. I have decided to offer price inducements in order to both raise money and reduce the amount of goods carried.

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Canned Goods--Every can Guaranteed

TOMATOES,	sold regular, \$1.00.	Now 80c per doz.	CORN, sold regular, \$1.20.	Now \$1.00 per dozen
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" The Best, "	" 1.50.	" 1.25 "	" " " 1.80.	" 1.45 "
SALMON, 1-lb sold regular, 15c;	\$1.45 per doz.	Now 10c and \$1.15 per doz.	TEA, 30 per cent. off on all kinds.	

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Flour, regularly	\$1.25
2-lbs Tea	1.00
2 lbs Baking Powder	90
1 doz cans Tomatoes	1.00
2 25-lb boxes Paste	50
5-lbs Kingan Bacon	95
3 pkgs Gold Dust	75
Regularly	\$6.35
Now	\$4.85

Combination No. 2.

Broom	35
Maple Syrup	75
2 lbs Tea	1.00
Corn Meal	35
One-half doz. Corn Starch	50
Schilling's Vanilla and Lemon	55
Regularly	\$3.50
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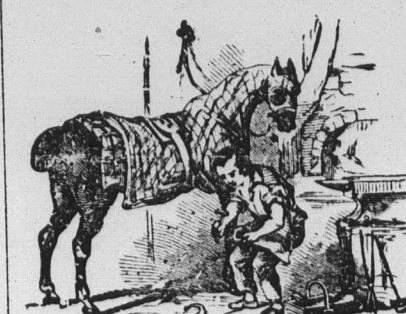
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SONOMA, DECEMBER 23, 1905.

Leading Paper of Sonoma.



LEVI STRAUSS & CO'S OVERALLS

BRIEF MENTION

Millinery sale—Racket.
Suits made to order—Racket.
Largest stock of clothing—Racket.
Lumber at Camm & Hedges, Petaluma.
25 per cent cut on millinery—Racket.

The famous Ramona Candies make nice Christmas presents. At Simmons' Drug Store.

Camm & Hedges, Petaluma, sell all kinds of lumber, laths, mouldings and mill work.

Now is the time to lay concrete sidewalks. See Trudgen, the stone mason, about it.

John Batto & Son of Sonoma and Vineburg are handling mill feeds of all kinds at right prices.

Very latest style of ladies and gentlemen's visiting cards printed at the INDEX-TRIBUNE office at bargain prices.

Franz Huber, formerly of this place but late of Petaluma, who has been so ill with cancer of the stomach died this week as a result of the malady.

Fine Grand Square Piano, almost new. Price \$175. Cost \$800. Can be seen at A. Pinelli's, Zoberbier, Dealer in Fine Pianos, Santa Rosa.

Al. Miller, who has been recently employed at Agua Caliente, will shortly return to the Spreckels farm where he will break horses. Miller is an experienced bronco buster.

Quilici & Co. have taken possession of the Sonoma House. Mine host Quilici is a fine chef and will make a specialty of Sunday dinners when chicken and ravioli will be served the guests. Frank Quartaroli will preside at the bar.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of the six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man or lady may learn telegraphy and be assured of position.

Wanted—By Chicago manufacturing house, person of trustworthiness and somewhat familiar with local territory as assistant in branch office. Salary \$18 paid weekly. Permanent position. No investment required. Previous experience not essential to engaging. Address, Manager Branches, Como Block, Chicago.

Substantial Christmas Gift.

Mrs. H. Appleton was the recipient of a very fine and substantial Christmas gift this week from her millionaire uncle, John Spring of San Francisco, who presented her with a check for \$500. Mr. Spring was Mrs. Appleton's mother's brother and she is his eldest niece. He has reached the ripe old age of 81 years. There is much rejoicing over the gift.

Promaine Poisoning.

F. H. Ross, the jeweler of Petaluma, has been very ill as the result of promaine poisoning. Mr. Ross ate heartily of cheese and while on his way from Petaluma here he was taken violently ill. Prompt medical attention prevented more serious complications and the patient is now doing better.

Dissolution of Go-Partnership

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between O. P. PALSTINE and J. M. McGIMSEY, at Sonoma, California, county of Sonoma, State of California, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, J. M. McGIMSEY retiring. The business of the late firm will be continued by O. P. PALSTINE, who assumes all obligations and collects all outstanding accounts. J. M. McGIMSEY. O. P. PALSTINE. Dated at Sonoma, Cal., December 20th, 1905.

Case Closes With Sensation.

The William J. Meyers murder trial was suddenly terminated at Santa Rosa last Tuesday by the dismissal of the case by Judge Burnett on motion of District Attorney Pond, who claimed that it would be impossible to secure a conviction with the jurors summoned by Sheriff Grace. Pond charged that Grace summoned jurors who were his (Pond's) personal enemies, four being saloon men whom he had prosecuted for gambling and some others being slot machine operators. Sheriff Grace, on the other hand, emphatically denies that he was personally responsible for the jury-men drawn.

Death of Young Wife and Mother.

Mrs. Jane Francis Browne, wife of Clyde Browne and daughter-in-law of F. W. Browne who formerly resided near Agua Caliente, passed away at her home in Los Angeles this week. Mrs. Browne was formerly Miss Boyd of San Rafael and a sister of District Attorney Boyd of Marin county. She was a young woman of refinement and talent and although sick for some time she bore up bravely with a sweetness and fortitude that was most pathetic. She leaves besides her husband, who holds an important position with the Los Angeles Examiner, a little son Lawrence, to mourn her loss; also, two sisters and brothers, all of San Rafael.

Promotion of School Children.

The County Board of Education has passed on the examination papers for graduation to the High School and Seventh Grades. From Huichica district Miss Glazier will send to the High School Katinka Nommensen, Amelia Farini and Louisa Philippini. Seventh grade promotions are as follows: Sonoma—W. C. Nolan, teacher—Raymond Poppe, Raymond Cooper, Bella Victoria Johnson, Otto Dresel, Rudolph Wagner, William Arnold Aldrich, Donald Campbell, Martha Goldenker and Edna Cooper. Flowery—Olive Thomas, teacher—Sarah Kenny and Helen Morris.

William Rubke Victim of Holdup

Wednesday night Wm. Rubke, the California Northwestern freight brakeman, was the victim of a daring holdup at Ignacio station. Rubke got off the rear cars of the south-bound freight and as he stepped down into the darkness an unknown thug poked a revolver into his face and went through his pockets. He got nothing for his trouble. Officers were notified but could not locate the would-be robber.

X-Mas Services.

On X-mas day Mass will be celebrated in St. Francis' Church at 6:30 A. M. and 11 A. M., and on the same day in St. Mary's Church, Glen Ellen, at 9 A. M. The services in St. Francis' Church will be very impressive. The children will sing at the 6:30 A. M. Mass and an augmented choir, under the direction of Mrs. Lulu Enparan, will sing at the 11 A. M. Mass.

Big Steer.

Henry Weber, proprietor of the Central Market, slaughtered a steer from the Victor Sartori ranch at Fairville, one day this week, that weighed 1,000 pounds dressed. It was the finest Christmas beef seen this season.

Catarrh

Is a constitutional disease originating in impure blood and requiring constitutional treatment acting through and purifying the blood for its radical and permanent cure. Be sure to take Hood's Sarsaparilla

Nasal and other local forms of catarrh are quickly relieved by Catarrhlets, which allay inflammation and deodorize discharge. Hood's Sarsaparilla, all druggists, \$1. Catarrhlets, mail order only, 50 cts. For testimonials of remarkable cures send for our Book on Catarrh, No. 4. C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

New Cash Register for sale at a bargain. Apply at this office.

The Daily Chronicle and Index-Tribune only \$9 for the two newspapers.

Congressman McKinlay will Send You Seeds, Etc.

The government of the United States each year issues for the use of the people of the country a great number of valuable publications in the shape of books and bulletins, dealing with the subject of horticulture, viticulture, stock-raising, general farming, and a great many other subjects. In addition to all these there are scientific men who are constantly producing seeds of a character peculiarly adapted to various States and localities for which each are intended. It is the purpose of the government to have these bulletins and seeds, both flower and vegetable, as widely distributed among the people as possible. The seeds and bulletins are now ready for distribution and any one who will send a postal to Congressman McKinlay, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., asking for any of these articles they will be sent by return mail without cost to the writer.

EL VERANO.

By Happy Hooligan.

Joe Ryan was a passenger for Santa Rosa Monday.

Mrs. M. F. Mullen returned from San Francisco Monday evening.

Mr. Lou Chance of San Francisco spent Sunday here, a guest of his folks.

Wm. Chance of this place has secured a position at the California Home.

Leo Flanagan of San Francisco is up here for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lewis and daughter are spending the week in Santa Rosa.

Billy Kearney spent Tuesday on the marshes at Embarrasadero. He had good luck.

Charley Danielli is the happy father of a bright new girl, which was born Sunday morning.

Pap Hubbard of Sonoma was in town the fore part of the week shaking hands with the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Allen of San Francisco are spending the week at their country home La Lomita.

Edwin Faithful left for San Francisco Thursday where he will spend Christmas, the guest of his folks.

Mrs. Spencer, who has been visiting the last week at the Kearney residence, returned to Oakland Tuesday afternoon.

Rumor has it that one of our well-known saloon men is about to dispose of his business to a popular San Francisco gentleman.

F. A. Riser, the popular foreman of the Pacific Improvement Company's ranch near here, is spending the week in Woodland.

Ralph Ent, the prosperous chicken-raiser and major domo of Chickenville, will spend Christmas in San Francisco. He will be absent until New Year's.

John P. Serres, Jr., and Jack Alger were hunting in the hills west of this place Saturday. They succeeded in killing several "varmints," among them being a coon and a coyote.

Col. McGarrity is now running an automobile. The Colonel carries passengers and says that Prof. Dunderbach is his best customer. The Colonel expects to make a fortune with his "choo-choo" machine in the good old summer time.

This burg was the scene of an exciting runaway last Saturday. A horse being driven by Mons. Dutil became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. Dutil from the wagon, but he fortunately escaped serious injury. The runaway then rushed madly down the street jeopardizing the lives of pedestrians, and when opposite Laforaine's barber shop the daring young tonorial artist, who was engaged in shaving a customer, dropped his razor, and rushing into the street grabbed the runaway by the bit and brought the steed to a standstill at the risk of his life. Mr. Dutil generously rewarded Mr. Laforaine for his bravery.

"HAPPY HOOLIGAN." El Verano, Dec. 22, 1905.

Special Holiday Railway Rate.

Account the Christmas and New Year's holidays the California Northwestern Railway will sell its Special Saturday to Monday Round Trip Tickets on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 23d, 24th and 25th, limited for return until Tuesday, December 26th, and on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 30th, 31st and January 1st, with limit of return Tuesday, January 2d, 1906.

Toys—Racket.

MISS MABEL LOWELL WEEDS IN PORTLAND

Journeys North to Join Young Mining Engineer Who Could Not Come Here

Miss Mabel Lowell, only daughter of Mrs. A. D. Lowell and one of Sonoma Valley's most prominent and bright young ladies, left for Portland, Oregon, this week, where she was married to Mr. Fred Paine, a prominent young mining engineer of Washington. Miss Lowell was accompanied by her mother and Miss Marcella Glazier.

The romance which has ended in the northern city had its beginning in Berkeley, where both Miss Lowell and Mr. Paine attended college. Miss Lowell graduated in 1902 after taking a four years' course in language and literature while Paine took his degree in the College of Mining and Electrical Engineering. The young couple plighted their troth before leaving Berkeley. Soon after coming home, Miss Lowell lost her father and the wedding was deferred, as she did not like to leave her mother. Meanwhile Mr. Paine had secured several lucrative positions, but not wishing to take his bride to an out-of-the-way place, the young people decided to wait. Mr. Paine, however, finally had the location was still very remote, being forty miles from a town and six miles from a stage road, his fiancée assured him that she would be contented with him there and urged him to accept the position. He did so and now they will live at this far-away mine in the north but "wilderness was paradise enough." Such responsibility devolves on the young groom-to-be that he could not be spared from the mining property more than twenty-four hours so this necessitated the wedding in Portland.

The bride-elect and her mother went to the home of friends upon their arrival in Portland where the wedding took place Wednesday.

The bride is a very clever girl and a social favorite here and in Berkeley. She has the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. Lowell returns from Portland accompanied by Miss Glazier.

Any repair work left at Mrs. Lutgen's will receive prompt attention by Daunt.

O. P. Palestine Buys Out Milton McGimsey

O. P. Palestine has bought out his partner's interest in the grocery store business and the store will now be conducted under the name of O. P. Palestine instead of Palestine & McGimsey. For unusually fine bargains see his big ad in this paper.

Mr. Palestine is a thorough business man and it will pay you to trade with him.

Daunt does the only reliable watch repairing.

Free Vegetable Seeds.

U. S. Senator Perkins has sent this office one hundred packages of vegetable seeds for free distribution. Each package contains five smaller packets containing lettuce, radish, onion, tomato and parsley seeds. Readers of the Index-Tribune are requested to call and they will be furnished a package of these seeds free.

Ayer's

Bald? Scalp shiny and thin? Then it's probably too late. You neglected dandruff. If you had only taken our advice, you would have cured

Hair Vigor

the dandruff, saved your hair, and added much to it. If not entirely bald, now is your opportunity. Improve it.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for over 40 years. I can now 50 years old and have a heavy growth of thick brown hair, due, I think, entirely to Ayer's Hair Vigor."

Mrs. M. A. Kirtin, Belleville, Ill.

For Good Hair

A Popular Horseman Caricatured

J. H. Moore, the popular horseman who has charge of the Rudolph Spreckels' stock farm and racing stables, was the subject of a prominent caricature drawn by cartoonist Igloe in the Examiner of Tuesday. Any one who knows the genial Moore can appreciate the sketch. Mr. Moore is an experienced horse-trainer and knows all about polo ponies. He has had charge of the Spreckels' horses for several years and for the past few months has had the polo ponies belonging to the Sobre Vista stables at San Mateo. He is now in Oakland. Several of Mr. Spreckels' horses are being run this season. Two were among Monday's entries at Ingleside, Uletma made a very good showing but Carolly did not do much.

GLEN ELLEN

By Aurora.

Mr. A. S. Woods had business in Sonoma Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Clark returned from San Francisco Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Poppe and Mrs. Martens had business in Santa Rosa Thursday.

It is reported that E. M. Gender has bought out a place on the Santa Rosa road.

Mr. Thos. Mann, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is able to be up and around.

Mr. Wm. Brunning of "Wald-rup" was in the metropolis Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. N. S. Trowbridge has gone to Oakland to spend the holidays with her daughters.

Mrs. Haskel and Miss Trowbridge were in Santa Rosa Monday getting Christmas presents.

Mr. A. Froment, who was confined to his bed for several days this week, is up and around again.

Miss Crepin went to San Francisco Saturday afternoon, where she is to give recitations one evening this week.

Mrs. Carl Hertzog was a passenger on the Southern Pacific train Thursday morning en route to Santa Rosa.

The Sunday School of the First Congregational Church will have a Christmas tree for the children Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Chakurian is down with the grip and is under the care of Dr. Crepin. At this writing we are pleased to say she is somewhat better.

Walter Corbaley, the popular California Northwestern Railway conductor, is wondering why the hold-up man didn't wait on him instead of Rubke, for he treated "Rafles" right the last time he called.

The Sunday school of Kenwood will hold its annual tree in the church parlor on Saturday afternoon, when every member will receive a box of candy, the gift of Captain and Mrs. Ward, who though wintering in Rome, have not forgotten the little folks in the home land.

"AURORA"

Glen Ellen, Dec. 22, 1905.

Nick Ahern Loses Job

Nick Ahern, who for many years has been the section boss on this branch of the California Northwestern Railway, lost his position this week as a result of a disagreement with the foreman of the pile-driver crew of the same road. It seems that the foreman of the pile-driver took two of section boss Ahern's men away to assist him without his consent and as a result the latter gave him a piece of his mind and then fired the two laborers, who left the work he had assigned to them. The pile-driver foreman, however, claimed he had authority over Ahern and had a right to borrow his men if he saw fit, while the men believed that they had done right in going to work for him. They resented being discharged by Ahern and reported the matter to Mr. Zook. As a result Mr. Ahern lost his position. He had been a competent boss for over twenty years.

Daunt, the jeweler, carries the largest line of jewelry in Petaluma, also in Sonoma.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

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IN EVERY Receipt that calls for cream of tartar, soda, or baking powder, use the Royal Baking Powder. Better results will be obtained because of the absolute purity and great leavening strength of the Royal. It will make the food lighter, sweeter, of finer flavor, more digestible and wholesome. It is always reliable and uniform in its work.

Alum and phosphate baking powders—some of them sold at the same price and some of them cheaper—will make neither dainty nor wholesome food.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES.

The Woman's Club met Friday last.

John Watt was a visitor to Petaluma this week.

Jack Gottenberg has been on the sick list this week.

George and Arthur Lowell have been ill with tonsillitis.

Horace Appleton, Jr., will spend Sunday visiting his folks here.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fouts on Friday last.

A new card club is being organized to meet in Schocken's parlors.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Beretta visited in San Francisco Monday.

Mrs. Ernest Hoen of Sacramento is a guest at the L. L. Lewis ranch.

Capt. and Mrs. Ward of Kenwood are spending the winter in Rome.

Frido Clewe of the Sacramento High School visited his folks here Sunday.

Miss Sadie Agnew of Petaluma has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dunbar.

A Christmas tree at the Grammer school was a feature of the closing exercises.

Miss Helen Greeley has returned from Berkeley and is again with her sister Mrs. Simmons.

The Skelton Glaister residence and also that of Chas. Dal Pogetto on Broadway are nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bundschu of San Francisco have been visiting Mrs. Bundschu's family at Santa Rosa.

Mrs. Skelton Glaister was called to Ukiah this week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. D. Burris.

A Christmas tree on Tuesday at the Congregational Church will delight the Sunday School children of that denomination.

Dr. and Mrs. Byron expect to spend Christmas in Wheatland, the guest of the doctor's brother, who is a physician at that place.

Miss Elizabeth Davis is spending her Christmas vacation here. Miss Davis is a student at the Lowell High School in San Francisco.

Lorenzo Modini, accompanied by his son Jas. Modini, spent Sunday in the metropolis. Mr. Modini Sr. did not return home until Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Miller, a sister of Jack London, was granted a final decree of divorce in Oakland, last Monday, from F. H. Miller, who deserted her.

A play dealing with early days in Sonoma is being written by Celeste Gracie Murphy and may shortly be produced here. The play has considerable local color and a dramatic plot of exciting interest.

Mrs. D. Burris, who has been in Ukiah visiting her daughter Mrs. Hopper, was taken seriously ill with pneumonia but is now reported better.

Dr. E. Z. Hennessey was summoned from Napa to Ukiah to the patient's bedside as soon as she was stricken down.

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H. H. GRANICE, Editor.

Christmas Eve In Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, the central spot of interest in the Holy Land at Christmas, is a Christian town set in the heart of Mohammedanism, where once a year the Greek church grants the use of the grotto of the Nativity to the Latin church. The ceremonies begin on Dec. 24 by the image of the youthful Christ being carried from the basilica of St. Helena to the sacred grotto of the Nativity, where the traditional spot of Christ's birth is marked by a silver star set in the rocky pavement.



TYPICAL BETHLEHEM FAMILY OF TODAY.

salen usually officiates in the grotto, but on this occasion he is represented by the Latin bishop. The interior of the church is most picturesque, for there are only a few chairs provided for foreign visitors, while the bulk of the congregation is made up of the Bethlehem women in their blue dresses with red frontlets, wearing peaked caps when married and flat caps covered by white veils when single.

As they enter the church they at first kneel down and then sit upon the ground in the oriental fashion. "In the dimly lighted church," says one who has seen the service, "those squatting variegated figures, with their beautiful faces lit up by its and starts by flashes of the candles, intent on devotion, seem like so many modern Madonnas come to celebrate the glory of the first Madonna."

Precisely at midnight the pontifical high mass is celebrated, the figure of Christ is brought in a basket and deposited upon the high altar, and the procession forms to accompany it to the crypt. As the long, chanting procession winds through the dimly lighted church there is something weirdly solemn about the ceremony, and as the sacred image passes various acts of worship are performed by the devout attendants. On the procession moves through the rough hewn, dimly lit passages from the Latin church to the grotto of the Nativity.

When the procession of richly robed ecclesiastics reaches the silver star set in the pavement the priests pause and stand in a group about the basket, which is deposited upon the star. Around this star is the inscription, "The virgin natus est." ("Here he was born of a virgin"), for this is the spot upon which tradition places the actual birth of Jesus. There the impressive narrative of the birth of Jesus as found in the gospels is slowly recited, and when the passage (Luke II, 7), "And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" is read the figure is reverently picked up from the star and carried over to the opposite side of the grotto, where it is put into a rock cut manger. This concludes the service.—London Sphere.

Mistletoe Myths.
Many English girls believe that they will not be wedded inside of twelve months unless they have at least one kiss under the mistletoe. In many counties a berry is plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss, and when there are no berries no kisses are allowed. Mistletoe used to be considered a charm or amulet to ward off the baleful influence of witches. It was also considered that its influence was irresistible, that no one could possibly pass beneath it without yielding to its power, and hence both matron and maid must submit to the salutation which has since become customary.—Self Culture Magazine.

Christmas in Cornwall.
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Some ethnologists claim that the gypsies are of the same family as the Tartars. They are said to have appeared first in Germany in 1417 under the name of Tartars of Zegins and by a statute of Henry VIII. were expelled from England in 1530. This not proving efficient to exterminate the race stronger measures were taken, described by Thomas Cromwell in a quaint letter still extant. "And in case ye shall here or knowe of any such Gypsians," he writes to "My Lorde of Chester," "that ye shall compeell them to depart to the next port of the see, and either without delaye upon the first winds that shall conveye them, or if they shall in any wise breake that commandment, to see them executed, without sparing upon any commission, license or placards that they may shewe or alledge for themselves to the contrary."

Coughing Spell Caused Death

"Harry Duckwall, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwall died from suffocation. St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1901."

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